



Communicable Disease Plan COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols

Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons remains fully committed to the health and safety of every individual. It is with guidance from the CDC, applicable Departments of Health, GSUSA and the American Camp Association, that we have planned for camp in 2021, using the following protocols to help prevent and manage occurrences of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases. Guidance may be updated as more data and information is available from these organizations.

Our Girl Scout Camps can provide an amazing outdoor experience in a healthy and safe environment. This summer will look a little different from a “normal” summer at Girl Scout Camp, and some typical camp traditions may also look a little bit different, but we are confident that girls are going to have a great camp experience! As your family considers your summer plans, please review these protocols for screening, preventing and managing COVID-19 at camp.

Those with preexisting conditions and/or weakened immune systems should follow the guidance of their physicians. Every family should decide about attending camp this summer based on their own situation. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you might have.

Prevention Protocols & Activities

Several non-pharmacological interventions (NPI's) such as PPE, administrative controls and engineering controls will be used to prevent bringing COVID-19 onto camp property, and will also prevent or limit transmission in the event that there is an asymptomatic case (or later developing case at camp).

Prior to Summer Camp

- Provide Camp Staff and caregivers with educational material related to Camp via GSDH website.
- Participants or staff experiencing symptoms or who have a family member in the household with a fever or with a pending COVID-19 test are not allowed to participate. Symptoms related to COVID-19 includes:
 - fever or chills
 - cough
 - shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - fatigue
 - muscle or body aches
 - headache

- new loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- congestion or runny nose
- nausea or vomiting
- diarrhea

- Ensure all camp areas are equipped with appropriate signage from CDC or other official health organization (see below)
- Designate a PPE supply area that is free of contaminants and include hand sanitizer, disposable masks, antibacterial wipes, garbage bags, and gloves
- Require the completion of pre-arrival screening medical questionnaire
- Create a staggered drop off schedule for each patrol to limit interaction
- Create a staggered pickup schedule for each patrol to limit interaction
- Communicate to participants the camper check-in process to include an onsite health screening and temperature check
- Designate an area only for health screenings during camps session
- Designate an isolation area for suspected COVID-19 symptoms
- Daily camp arrival screening process to include a temperature check and COVID-19 specific questions.
- Scheduled time between camper activities to wipe down surfaces.
- Setup portable handwashing stations
- Open all operable windows and doors to promote circulation
- Added bathroom breaks and handwashing breaks will be built into camper schedules.
- Added hand sanitizer to all outdoor washing stations and in all buildings
- Educate counselor staff on identification of COVID-19 symptoms during Camp
- Establish contact tracing protocols

During Summer Camp

- Daily camp screening process to include a temperature check and COVID-19 specific questions.
 - If your camper has a fever of 100.4°F, she will not be admitted to camp until a negative COVID-19 test result is received and verified
- Parents and non-essential visitors are not allowed on camp property except for designated pickup/dropoff
- Continue to reinforce staff and camper requirements throughout camp
- Staff, volunteers and campers will be required to wear a mask at all times except when eating, drinking, swimming, showering, sleeping, or during strenuous activities as determined by the Camp Manager. Mask breaks in an open area will be allowed if distancing can be maintained.
- Staff/Healthcare & Safety Coordinator will conduct and retain results of daily temperature checks
- Will use open air settings as often as possible for camp meetings and activities and use distanced seating arrangements
- Operable, functional windows and doors will remain open when possible to maximize ventilation

- Routine program equipment cleaned between each program session
- Routine cleaning and disinfecting of high touch areas throughout each day

Patrol Utilization to Reduce Transmission

The goal of a pandemic response is to reduce potential exposure and spread through interpersonal contact. The following will assist GSDH in managing camp groups and interactions.

- Campers will be placed into patrols of 6-10 girls and 2 staff members within a unit
- Campers will be asked to keep within their patrol for all activities and meals
- Group sizes must comply with local and state requirements
- Dining times will be staggered to allow for distancing and cleaning between patrols
- For overnight camps, counselors, staff, nurses will not leave camp on their time off.

On Transportation

- Masks will be required to be worn inside transportation when occupants are from different households
- Girls must maintain social distance by sitting in every other seat
- Seats will be pre-assigned by staff
- Temperature checks will be required at each pickup location
 - If a camper has a fever of over 100.4°F, she must have a verified negative COVID-19 result to return to camp

Cleaning Protocols

Cabins

Campers are responsible for cleaning their own units each day including the following:

- Making their beds and tidying their areas
- Cleaning bathrooms including toilets and showers
- Wiping down counters and sinks
- Wiping down door handles
- Sweeping and mopping as applicable

In addition to these tasks, staff will assist in the following additional protocols:

- Wiping down door handles and other high touch surfaces 3 times per day
- Sanitizing each unit thoroughly between each camper week including:
 - Protocols listed above for daily cabin cleaning
 - Wiping down mattresses with an approved disinfectant
 - Spraying bed frames and mattresses with an approved disinfectant
 - Taking out trash and sanitizing trash cans

Tent Camping

When camping outdoors, campers will be responsible for the following:

- Emptying outdoor trash cans
- Sweeping pavilions or communal outdoor areas

Communal spaces

In between each patrol, activity spaces should be wiped down and sanitized.

Bath and Shower Houses

Communal bathrooms will be cleaned twice per day including cleaning toilets, wiping down counters and touch points, checking for toilet paper, paper towels and soap, and taking out trash if needed.

Shower houses will be cleaned thoroughly in between patrols. This includes wiping down shower heads and water faucets, spraying shower curtains, and sanitizing shower floors.

Hand washing/sanitizing

Staff and Campers

Campers and staff are always encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands often. In addition to this general encouragement campers and staff will be required to wash or sanitize their hands in the following circumstances:

- Before entering your tent/cabin
- Before and after using the bathroom or showering
- Before and after meals
- In between activities where communal supplies or equipment are used (such as adventure activities, computer keyboards, sports equipment)
- After touching frequently touched surfaces
- After touching the face, nose, eyes, etc.

Staff will schedule time prior to and after activities to allow for hand washing and sanitizing.

Dining Staff

- Before and after using gloves
- Before, during and after handling raw foods
- After handling raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs
- After handling garbage
- After using the restroom
- After coughing, sneezing, or blowing nose
- Before and after breaks

Health station and protocols:

Healthcare & Safety Coordinators will have a station where they can give meds, attend to injuries, and answer questions of campers and staff. When possible, Healthcare & Safety Coordinator should go to campers and staff to treat injury or illness to avoid crowding at the health station.

When a Healthcare & Safety Coordinator or staff goes to an indoor activity area or cabin to dispense medications or check on illness or injury, every effort should be made to treat campers or staff outside if it is also possible to do that while maintaining safety and privacy. Both the person being treated and the staff person treating should wear masks and hand sanitize prior to and after treating or dispensing meds.

If a Participant or Staff is suspected to have COVID-19

- If a camper or staff shows any sign of illness during camp that are consistent with COVID-19 or other infection:
 - Immediately isolated to a designated area and evaluated
 - Parents of Girl Scouts will be notified immediately and asked to arrange for camper pickup as soon as possible
 - Staff potentially infected by a camper will be isolated and will be taken off duty
- Staff will be sent home immediately or remain in isolation until pickup
- If possible and not already the case, windows and doors will be opened to increase circulation to areas where infected person may have frequented for more than 15 minutes
- If a camper or staff is suspected to have COVID-19 based on symptoms, the Healthcare & Safety Coordinator will contact the council Chief Human Resources & Risk Officer will be contacted in order to assist in the appropriate next steps.
- Communication of potential COVID-19 exposure to those affected will be made by the council Chief Human Resources & Risk Officer who will work with health officials for direction on whether camp should continue. Considerations will include:
 - resulting staffing levels and duration of camp
 - community or area outbreak levels
 - severity of illness or symptoms
- Buildings and equipment where symptomatic person was present will be disinfected after droplets have settled (24 hours), per recommended CDC guidelines. Areas will extend to 12 feet in all directions around a camper's sleeping area.

Communications

Camper families will be contacted in the following circumstances:

- If a camper is showing symptoms of COVID-19 or other infections
- If a camper or staff member from their camper's patrol is suspected of having a case of COVID-19
- If a camper or staff member from their camper's patrol has a confirmed case of COVID-19 and campers need to go home

Each week the Healthcare and Safety Coordinator and the Traveling Camp Manager will meet to review all suspected and confirmed cases and to evaluate the protocols and procedures followed and if they were followed correctly. Changes to procedures will be made if needed.

Resources

- ACA Field Guide: <https://acacamps.app.box.com/s/7gkh9buu3ntssx2v38gajg4z94631lag>
- CDC Consideration for Youth and Summer Camps: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html>
- Child Care & Day Camp Program Guidelines: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/news/2020/COVID-2020Jun26-Day-Camp-Summary.pdf>
- Cleaning & Disinfecting: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fcommunity%2Forganizations%2Fcleaning-disinfection.html
- COVID-19 Information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/need-to-know.html>
- Handwashing: <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/posters.html>
- Cough Etiquette: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/protect/cdc_cough.pdf
- Stop the Spread: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/stop-the-spread-of-germs.pdf>
- Physical Distancing: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID-social-distancing-poster-ltr.pdf>
- South Dakota Dept. of Health: <https://doh.sd.gov/>
- North Dakota Dept. of Health: <https://www.health.nd.gov/>
- Minnesota Dept. of Health: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/>
- Iowa Dept. of Health: <https://idph.iowa.gov/>

We continue to closely monitor new information and guidance. As the situation changes, we will adjust and adhere to the latest recommendations provided. Please let us know if you have any additional questions or concerns. Call our office at 800-666-2141.